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SUBJECT: PRAVDA REPORTS ANTI-SATELLITE LAUNCH

1. PRAVDA JUNE 12 CARRIED A SHORT TASS-NEW YORK REPORT DATED JUNE 11 ON THE LAUNCHING FROM CAPE CANAVERAL OF A U.S. SATELLITE WHICH IT SUGGESTS MAY BE AN ANTI-SATELLITE VEHICLE. THERE IS NO COMMENTARY ACCOMPANYING THE THREE PARAGRAPH PIECE. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE:

2. BEGIN TEXT: WHAT KIND OF SATELLITE IS THIS? NEW YORK, 11 (TASS) IN THE U.S. ON CAPE CANAVERAL A MILITARY RESEARCH SATELLITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. AMERICAN INFORMATION AGENCIES STRESS THAT THE LAUNCH TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF EXTREME SECRECY, UNUSUAL EVEN FOR MILITARY SATELLITES.

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3. AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE STATED ONLY THAT THE SATELLITE WAS LAUNCHED WITH THE AID OF THE ROCKET "TITAN 3C." THIS IS THE SECOND MOST POWERFUL ROCKET OF THOSE IN THE ARSENAL OF THE AIR FORCE. IT IS CAPABLE OF ORBITING OBJECTS WEIGHING UP TO 10 TONS.

4. LOCAL OBSERVERS EXPRESSED THE SUPPOSITION THAT THIS  
WAS ONE OF A SERIES OF SECRET LAUNCHES WHICH ARE  
POSSIBLY BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE TESTING OF SO-CALLED  
"ANTI-SATELLITES" DESIGNED TO DESTROY IN ORBIT  
ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES. END TEXT. TOON

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